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SUPPLEMENT

1. On 9 October 1946 four railroad cars of armed Russian soldiers left Manchouli (117-27, 49-36) en route to Hailar (119-44, 49-13) and Tsitsihar. Before they reached Tsitsihar, they changed from uniforms to civilian clothes. Russian soldiers in Hailar are also said to be changing to civilian clothes.
2. Recently, armed Russian soldiers have been infiltrating into Tsitsihar. There are now over 10,000 in the city. Most of these soldiers are billeted in Russian-owned buildings throughout the city. The main entrances of these buildings have been boarded up, and all entry and exit is through the rear. In order to avoid notice, many of the soldiers are living with Russian residents of Tsitsihar. Many Russian soldiers are seen on the streets of Tsitsihar, but they do not wear any unit identification. Russian officers of the rank of Captain and above are seen entering the Tsitsihar Soviet Consulate.
3. Subsource stated that the Communists are requisitioning food, cotton, etc. in Harbin and Tsitsihar, and are bartering them for Russian equipment. Russian merchants in these cities are purchasing clothing and cotton from the Chinese, and are paying very high prices.

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